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>Shyam,
>Here's the response to the information request:
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>1. After the lease was signed by Silverstein, who conducted the fire
>drill training (i.e., Silverstein employees, Port Authority employees,
>or a transition team representing both)?
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>After the lease was signed on July 24th, the initial fire safety
>training(i.e., when a tenant first occupied their space or initial fire
>safety team training) was conducted by PA transition team personnel
>from the WTC fire safety unit. Bi Annual fire drills for tenants were
>next scheduled to be conducted in the fall. None were conducted in the
>approximately 6 week period between the closing and the attack. Prior
>to the lease, PA staff held a small meeting/critique after each floor
>fire drill (a 5-10 minute gathering in the hallway) and would address concerns, answer
questions, etc.
>Those meetings, pre July 24th, were conducted by PA personnel and a
>deputy fire safety director who was a contracted employee from OCS. The
>OCS Contract was assigned to Silverstein Properties upon closing. Pa
>was not aware of what Silverstein Properties plan was for conducting
>the required fire drills in the fall of 2001 and ongoing.
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>2. Can you specify which floors in WTC 1 and WTC 2 were designated as
>re-entry?
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>No. There were lists maintained at the fire command stations (among
>other places); however, it was to extensive to commit to memory.
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>3. The emergency procedures manual cited a 3 day warning of an
>impending fire drill; a previous communication from Saroj cited a
>two-week written notice. Was practice somewhat longer than the written policy?
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>Tenants would be given a minimum two week notice. Experience showed
>that advanced notices were appreciated by the tenants and allowed them
>to schedule their business activities accordingly - which in turn
>generally lead to more favorable participation at the drills.
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>4. Our interpretation of the deputy floor warden is that they act as a
>back-up floor warden, and otherwise a searcher. Is this correct?

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>Yes, basically.
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>5. The floor warden training video indicates that the Fire Safety
>Director informs the floor warden which stairwell to use, while the
>emergency procedures manual says that the floor warden tells the Fire
>Safety director which stairwell the occupants are using. Is this
>simply a matter of each keeping the other informed?
>
>Yes. It actually depended on the situation. If the circumstances
>allowed the FCS to tell the floor warden which stairway to use, then
>they would be based on knowledge of where the fire was located, which
>stairways were being used by other floors, which stairway was being
>used by FDNY, etc. On the other hand, if the conditions on the floor
>did not permit the standard gathering of occupants in the corridor
>before the evacuation and the occupants needed to evacuate immediately,
>it would be desirable for the warden to tell the FCS which stairway they were using.
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>Thanks
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>Saroj
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>-----Original Message-----
>From: Shyam Sunder [mailto:sunder@nist.gov]
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>Could you please respond to the following information request? Thanks.
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>Shyam
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> >From: "Jason D. Averill" <jason.averill@nist.gov>
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> >Shyam,
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> >We have a couple of clarifying questions:
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> >Thanks,
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> >Jason
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> >Note: This document is a confidential and pre-decisional
> >communication
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